

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

In the solutions according to the invention, ~~it has also proven advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 2 or claim 12 to~~ other features may be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that the energy value actually available for the circuit is included in the decision result relating to the send mode to be activated.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 15, with the following amended paragraph:

In the solutions according to the invention, ~~it has also proven advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 3 or claim 13 to~~ other features may be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that the type of energy source actually available for the circuit or the available information, associated inseparably therewith, relating to the type of energy supply, such as for example line supply or separate-source supply by means of the carrier signal of a second communication partner appliance or autonomous supply by means of a battery, is included in the decision result. In this way, the advantage is additionally achieved that a relatively reliable prediction relating to the future availability of energy for the circuit of the first communication partner appliance is also included in the decision result by taking account of the type of energy source.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25, with the following amended paragraph:

In the solution according to the invention, ~~it has also proven advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 4 or claim 14 to~~ other features may be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that parameters from all the energy sources present in the entire communication system may be included in the decision result, whereby a

further positive contribution to operating reliability during sending communication is obtained, because the operating mode management for the circuit is based on system-wide energy source information.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 32, with the following amended paragraph:

In the solutions according to the invention, ~~it has also proven advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 5 or claim 15 to other features~~ may be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that the energy value actually available for at least one second communication partner appliance is included in the decision result.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

In the solutions according to the invention, ~~it has also proven advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 6 or claim 16 to other features~~ may be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that the type of energy source actually available for at least one second communication partner appliance or the information, associated inseparably therewith, relating to the type of energy supply, such as for example line supply or separate-source supply by means of the carrier signal of a second communication partner appliance or autonomous supply by means of a battery, is included in the decision result. In this way, the advantage is additionally achieved that a relatively reliable prediction relating to the future availability of energy for the circuit of the second communication partner appliance is included in the decision result by taking account of the type of energy source.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13, with the following amended paragraph:

In the solutions according to the invention, the decision result relating to the send mode to be activated may for example be reached wholly autonomously with the circuit. However, in the solutions according to the invention, ~~it has proven particularly advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 7 or claim 17 to other features~~ may be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that at least one second communication partner appliance is informed of the send mode to be activated according to the decision result in the circuit of the first communication partner appliance and may optionally also adjust its send mode on the basis of this information. In this way, it is possible, for example, for the communication partner appliance less well supplied with energy to change from its active send mode into its passive send mode if the active send mode is activated in each case in the circuits of two communication partner appliances. In this way, it is additionally possible, for example, for both communication partner appliances to change their send modes and consequently for a role reversal to take place with regard to the generation of the carrier signal required for sending communication if the one communication partner appliance is in active send mode and the other communication partner appliance is in passive send mode.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 28, with the following amended paragraph:

In the solutions according to the invention, it is possible, for example, for the send mode to be changed directly, i.e. without termination and subsequent restart of a communication protocol, as a consequence of the decision result. This is particularly advantageous when this change in send mode is taken into account in the other communication partner appliance by means of a communication protocol or a command of the communication protocol. This may additionally also be advantageous when the two communication appliances or their circuits are designed in such a way that such a change is processed ~~in~~ in an error-free manner. However, in the solutions according to the

invention, ~~it has proven particularly advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 8 or claim 18 to other features may~~ be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that a change in send mode may be effected reliably and in well-defined manner, in particular also using a communication protocol, such as for example in accordance with the ECMA-340 standard, with which a change in send mode "on the fly" during a communication sequence with this communication protocol would not be successful.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 7, with the following amended paragraph:

In a solution according to the invention, ~~it has also proven advantageous for the features as claimed in claim 9 or claim 19 to other features may~~ be additionally provided. In this way, the advantage is achieved that, even when no change in send mode is required in the circuit of the one communication partner appliance but a change in send mode is necessary in the circuit of the other communication partner appliance, termination and subsequent restart of the communication protocol may be performed, as has to occur in the case of the communication protocol according to the ECMA-340 standard, in order to be able to continue a communication sequence successfully once the change of send mode has been performed in the circuit of the other communication partner appliance.